

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cladding element made from a composition comprising de-gassed polyester resin, filler material and catalyst, the cladding element further comprising an exterior surface having a peripheral rim defining a recessed rear surface.
2. A cladding element as claimed in claim 1, the cladding element being formed as a substantially rectangular element having a planar exterior surface.
3. A cladding element as claimed in claim 1, the cladding element being formed with an exterior surface comprising two faces disposed at angles to one another.
4. A cladding element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peripheral rim is defined by straight edges.

5. A method of cladding a building block with a cladding element made from a composition comprising de-gassed polyester resin, filler material and catalyst, the cladding element further comprising an exterior surface having a peripheral rim defining a recessed rear surface, the method comprising securing the cladding element to the building block using an adhesive.

6. A method of cladding a building block with a cladding element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cladding element is formed as a substantially rectangular element having a planar exterior surface.

7. A method of cladding a building block with a cladding element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cladding element is formed with an exterior surface comprising two faces disposed at angles to one another.

8. A method of cladding a building block with a cladding element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the peripheral rim is defined by straight edges.

9. A building block provided with a cladding element made from a composition comprising de-gassed polyester resin, filler material and catalyst, the cladding element further comprising an exterior surface having a peripheral rim defining a recessed rear surface, and having its rear surface adhered to the building block.

10. A building block provided with a cladding element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the cladding element is formed as a substantially rectangular element having a planar exterior surface.

11. A building block provided with a cladding element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the cladding element is formed with an exterior surface comprising two faces disposed at angles to one another.

12. A building block provided with a cladding element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the peripheral rim is defined by straight edges.